

**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

401 College Avenue

Hanover, IN 47243

March 9, 2015

10:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Larson—Public Representative, Chair

Becky Waymire—Morgan County LEPC

Ian Ewusi—IDHS/IDEM

James Pridgen—Industry Representative

Jeff Larmore—Marion County LEPC

Shawn French—Industry Representative

The following Committee members were absent:

Sherman Greer—Public Representative

The following Commission members were present:

Bernie Beier—Local Representative

Bruce Palin—IDEM

Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent
of ISP

The following staff members were present:

Ashley Holcomb—IDHS

Brad Gavin—IDHS

Catherine Dutton—IDHS

Laura Steadham—IDEM

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator Ashley Holcomb indicated a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Motion to accept January 12, 2014 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Waymire. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUSINESS

- Sherman Greer is currently on the Communications committee but his schedule has not been allowing him to attend, commissioner Matt Bilkey has agreed to join the committee in place.

Motion to remove Mr. Greer and add Mr. Bilkey to the communications committee made by Mr. Pridgen, seconded by Mr. Larmore. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- Mr. Larson asked to have the 2014 conference presentations added to the IERC website.
- Update on there being an ethics issue for Mr. Larson to participate on both the IERC and EMAI has been decided. He may not participate in any voting of monies.
- Mr. Larson opened the topic of payment to EMAI for discussion. Mr. Gavin suggested these funds be paid through a grant agreement.

Motion made for 50 percent of content to be hazmat related and for funding not to exceed \$10,000 made by Mr. Larmore, seconded by Mr. Pridgen. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- Mr. Larson informed the committee of the speakers that are lined up for the EMAI conference. The presentations as of now are CAMEO, weather service, CEM and AEM exams, Gordon Graham, Bakken Oil, and Animal Rescue in HazMat.
- Mr. Pridgen talked about the vendor committee meeting that himself and Mr. French attended. They have suggested to EMAI that the vendors who pay more have tables closer to the door.
- The committee had discussion of switching hotels for the commissioners to stay at during the conference.
- Discussion was had about purchasing challenge coins. Ms. Dutton informed the committee that the expenditure for challenge coins may not be approved through the state.

Motion made to use the new IERC logo on the LEPC awards made by Mr. Pridgen, seconded by Mr. Larmore. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- Ms. Dutton will research the expenditure of the IERC challenge coins.
- LEPC awards nominations will go out before May 1, 2015 and due be returned by July 1, 2015.

Motion to send out LEPC award nomination letter by April 1, 2015 made by Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Waymire. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Pridgen, seconded Mr. Larmore. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETING

To be determined